

EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION NEWSLETTER

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Announcements

"Terrorism Information and Resources" To assist law enforcement agencies, EOPS has compiled a listing of articles relating to terrorism. They are provided under the "Resources" section of this newsletter.

Secretary of Public Safety James P. Jajuga issued on November 6, 2001, awards totaling more than \$1.8 million to support **Massachusetts Multijurisdictional Counter Crime Task Forces (Task Forces)**. This funding, awarded through the U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Assistance through the Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Formula Grant (Byrne) Program, drives the law enforcement and prosecutorial efforts of 30 counter crime task forces statewide. Agencies who participate in these Task Forces benefit by utilizing shared resources, manpower and intelligence to enable more comprehensive and cost-effective investigations. Task Forces across Massachusetts are actively involved in the identification, investigation, apprehension and prosecution of criminals engaged in violent and/or drug-related crime. These shared resources may also be used by law enforcement to prevent future acts of terrorism - a concern of many communities in recent weeks. In addition to local police personnel from 206 communities, Task Force personnel throughout the Commonwealth include representatives of many federal and state law enforcement and prosecutorial agencies, including the F.B.I., D.E.A., Massachusetts State Police, Attorney General's Office, District Attorneys' Offices, Sheriffs and public housing police.

Secretary of Public Safety James P. Jajuga released **"The Massachusetts Policy for Law Enforcement Response to Domestic Violence"** on October 24, 2001. This policy is established pursuant to Section 14 of Chapter 403 of the Acts of 1990, *An Act Relative to the Protection of Abused Persons*, and took effect on **November 1, 2001**. Appropriate and effective police response to domestic violence calls is the best mechanism for enhancing victim safety. Law enforcement agencies must adopt the policy or establish and implement specific operational guidelines consistent with the provisions of the policy.

<http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/dvguide.pdf>

Juvenile Alternative Lockup Bulletin Beginning November 1, 2001, police departments located in the northeast and metro regions of the Commonwealth experienced a change in providers for the local Non-Secure Juvenile Alternative Lockup Program (ALP). Prior to this date, the service was provided by Spectrum Health Systems. The new service provider is NFI Massachusetts, Inc. Contact information is as follows:

Karen Orfaly, Program Director
NFI Massachusetts, Inc.
100 Water Street
Lawrence, MA 01841
(781) 841-0053 (Page for Placement)
(978) 557-0236 (Facility)

As in the past, the Non-Secure ALP serves all Status Offenders and Non-Violent Delinquent Offenders in need of overnight arrest services in order to ensure police compliance with the lockup removal mandates of the Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention Act and Massachusetts General Law Chapter 119 Section 39H. If you have any questions regarding the change in Non-Secure ALP providers or the detention of juveniles in police custody, please contact Christopher Mann, the statewide Juvenile Justice Compliance Monitor, at (617) 727-6300 ext. 25303 or Christopher.Mann@eps.state.ma.us

The **2000 Edward Byrne Memorial State and Local Law Enforcement Assistance Program Annual Report** is available at http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/download/byrne_2000report.pdf

The Crime Mapping and Analysis Program (CMAP), a program of the National Institute of Justice and the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center-Rocky Mountain (NLECTC-RM) is pleased to announce its new **Advanced Crime Mapping and Analysis Course**. This *tuition-free* training is open to law enforcement and corrections personnel and offers analysts unique, hands-on training. Some of the advanced topics include:

- Point pattern analysis
- Density-Based field analysis & Distance-Decay field analysis
- Spatiotemporal integration
- Lund Space-time Trajectories
- Applied Spatiotemporal Profiling
- Movement-based Event Forecasting
- Numerous other advanced crime-mapping topics

The 3-day course is fast-paced and intensive. Participants should be proficient with ArcView 3.2, and have a good working knowledge of basic crime analysis methods and techniques. All attendees are responsible for their own lodging, transportation and meals costs. Class space is limited and only four classes will be offered in 2002. The **2002** scheduled dates are:

January 28th – 30th, June 10th – 12th, September 9th – 13th, and November 20th – 22nd. For more information on CMAP or

to register for the class, please call Danelle DiGiosio at NLECTC-RM, (800) 416-8086.

Funding Opportunities

From the State Government

"Fiscal Year 2002 Community Policing Update" Fiscal Year 2002 State-funded Community Policing Grant Program Requests for Responses (application packages) will be mailed to every police department in the Commonwealth after the **passage** of the Fiscal Year 2002 State Budget. Please be assured that the Executive Office of Public Safety Programs Division will make every effort to expedite the application and award process.

From the Federal Government

"Data Resources Program: Funding for the Analysis of Existing Data" <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000437.pdf>

National Institute of Justice requests proposals to conduct original research using data from the National Archive of Criminal Justice Data. Topic areas include: sentencing, adjudication, corrections, violence against women and family violence, drugs and crime, violence, including examination of the correlates of violent criminal behavior; and policing.

Application Deadline: November 26, 2001 (revised due date) and January 25, 2002.

Eligibility Requirements: Researchers from all disciplines who are interested in basic research, and/or addressing topical criminal justice practice or policy concerns through the exploration and analysis of archived data are encouraged to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: \$35,000

Number of Awards Made: Not specified

Grant Period: One year

"Solicitation for Research on Sexual Violence FY2002" <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000489.pdf>

NIJ is soliciting proposals for research on the sexual assault of women age 12 and older by strangers and non-strangers. Areas of interest include the effects of criminal justice reforms in the area of sexual assault; perpetrator's selection of victims; and the prevalence and incidence of sexual assault in specific understudied populations.

Application Deadline: Letters of Intent due November 29, 2001. Application deadline is January 4, 2002.

Maximum Award Amount: Funding total up to \$1 million.

Number of Awards Made: Four

Grant Period: 12 to 24 months

"Drug Courts Program Office Releases FY 2002 Application Kits" <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/dcpo/applicationkits.htm>

The Office of Justice Programs (OJP) offers implementation and enhancement funding for communities through its drug court programs.

"Drug Court Grant Program Fiscal Year 2002 Application Kit" (available online only)

"Tribal Drug Court Grant Program Fiscal Year 2002 Application kit"

Application Deadline: January 4, 2002

"Office of Research and Evaluation 2002 Solicitation for Investigator-Initiated Research"

<http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/sl000496.pdf>

The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) is soliciting proposals to explore topics relevant to State or local criminal justice policy or practice with potential for impacting these policies or practices. Applications will be accepted under four topic areas: violence and victimization; drugs and crime; crime control and prevention; and justice systems and criminal behavior. Proposals concerning violence against women will not be eligible for this solicitation. Separate solicitations will be made for topics relating to domestic violence, sexual assault and stalking in the future.

Application Deadline: January 16, 2002.

Eligibility Requirements: NIJ encourages researchers from all disciplines to explore opportunities for collaborative efforts, and partnerships between researchers and practitioners are encouraged.

Maximum Award Amount: Under the investigator-initiated solicitation NIJ has awarded grants ranging from less than \$100,000 to \$300,000 and occasionally more.

Grant Period: Two years or less are encouraged.

From Private Foundations

"MetroWest Youth Initiative" The purpose of the Initiative is to keep children and adolescents in the MetroWest area healthy and safe. The MetroWest Community Health Care Foundation will provide grants to support new, innovative or expanded programs and services that deal with child and adolescent health issues that include injuries and violence, child abuse, depression and suicide, alcohol and suicide, etc. Proposals must show a clear community need, and demonstrate collaboration and/or partnership among community organizations in response to this need. For information call 508-879-7625 or email info@mchcf.org

Application Deadline: January 7, 2002

Eligibility Requirements: The Foundation supports programs that directly benefit the health of those who live or work in one or more of the 25 communities served by the Foundation.

Maximum Award Amount: This past year, the Foundation made over \$2 million in grants to 38 organizations. The average grant amount was just over \$50,000.

Research and Statistics

"Reducing Gun Violence The Boston Gun Project's Operation Ceasefire" The implementation of Operation Ceasefire was associated with a 63% decrease in youth homicides per month, a 32% decrease in shots-fired calls for service per month, a 25% decrease in gun assaults per month, and a 44% decrease in the number of youth gun assaults per month in the highest risk district (Roxbury). <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/188741.pdf>

"Indicators of School Crime and Safety: 2001" In 1999, 8% of students age 12 and older said they were victims of thefts, assaults, or threats at school, a drop from 10% in 1995. In addition, 17% of students reported street gangs in their schools in 1999, a drop from 29% in 1995. In the high-school age group, the percentage of students who said they had been threatened or injured with a weapon in 1999 was 8 percent, the same as in 1995. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/iscs01.pdf>

"Surveillance for Homicide Among Intimate Partners ---United States, 1981--1998" Approximately one in three homicides of females is committed by current or former spouses or boyfriends, and among male homicide victims, 5% are killed by intimate partners. <http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/PDF/ss/ss5003.pdf>

"Intimate Partner Violence and Age of Victim, 1993-99" Intimate partners murdered 1,218 women during 1999. From 1993 to 1999, intimates killed 45% of all female murder victims age 20-24. Women age 35-49 were the most vulnerable to intimate murder, while females age 16 to 24 were the most vulnerable to nonfatal violence. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/ipva99.pdf>

"Measuring the Deterrent Effect of Enforcement Operations on Drug Smuggling, 1991-1999" A sample of high-level cocaine smugglers in federal prisons were interviewed to learn how smugglers assess risk and how these factors vary by method and role of the smuggler. The biggest deterrents are:

- Threat of informants, whether cooperating defendants or confidential informants
- Prison terms of 25 years or greater
- Ability to be prosecuted under dry conspiracy charges (i.e., they need not be caught in possession of the drug to be convicted) http://www.whitehousedrugpolicy.gov/publications/pdf/measure_deter_effct.pdf

"Firearm Use by Offenders" Among inmates in prison for homicide, a sexual assault, robbery, assault or other violent crime, 30% of State offenders and 35% of Federal offenders carried a firearm when committing the crime. The percentage of state prison inmates who obtained their firearms from family or friends rose from 34% in 1991 to 40% in 1997. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/fuo.pdf>

"Felony Defendants in Large Urban Counties, 1998" Approximately 1 in 4 defendants were charged with a violent offense, and 71% had been arrested previously. Males accounted for 82% of defendants, including 90% or more of those charged with rape (100%), a weapons offense (96%), a driving-related offense (91%), robbery (91%), or burglary (90%). Women accounted for about half of the defendants charged with fraud (52%) and about a third of those charged with forgery (36%), or larceny/theft (31%). At time of arrest, more than a third of defendants had an active criminal justice status such as probation (16%), release pending disposition of a prior case (14%), or parole (5%). <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/pub/pdf/fdluc98.pdf>

Resources

"Youth as Resources" is a community-based program that provides small grants to young people to design and carry out service projects that address social problems and contribute to significant community change. Youth offenders who become involved in developing and implementing their own community-service projects have reduced discipline problems and lower recidivism rates. <http://www.yar.org/>

"Anti-Drug Media Campaign" "Think Again" and "I Was Afraid to Take A Friend Home" are color posters for children of substance abusers designed to help guide at-risk youngsters to appropriate resources and encourage them to talk to an adult. One out of 4 youth in the United States is affected by parental substance abuse. <http://www.mediacampaign.org/newsroom/press00/101701.html>

"Addressing Youth Victimization" This report describes innovative programs by Federal, State, and local governments, in partnership with private sector organizations, to reduce juvenile violence and victimization. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/ojdp/186667.pdf>

"Successfully Investigating Acquaintance Sexual Assault: A National Training Manual for Law Enforcement" This curriculum focuses on the investigation of non-stranger sexual assaults and emphasizes investigative tools and techniques for cases in which a consent, rather than identity, defense is raised. <http://www.vaw.umn.edu/FinalDocuments/Investigate/acquaintSA.asp>

"Documenting Domestic Violence: How Health Care Providers Can Help Victims" This report outlines how health care providers can improve the admissibility of evidence and strengthen the case of domestic violence victims. In addition to health care professionals, this report targets legal professionals who deal with domestic violence including judges, prosecutors, and law enforcement. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/188564.pdf>

TERRORISM RESOURCES

"Guide for the Selection of Chemical and Biological Decontamination Equipment for Emergency First Responders (Volume I)"

This resource provides information about the selection and use of chemical, biological, and toxic decontamination techniques and equipment for various applications. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/nij/189724.pdf>

"Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Handbook for Coping After Terrorism: A Guide to Healing and Recovery"

This handbook is intended to help individual's understand their reactions to an act of terrorism or mass violence. It is not intended to be a substitute for the role of professionals with expertise in counseling trauma victims.

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/publications/infores/cat_hndbk/welcome.html

"Toward a National Strategy for Combating Terrorism"

2nd Annual Report by the Advisory Panel to Assess Domestic Response Capabilities for Terrorism Involving Weapons of Mass Destruction. <http://www.terrorism.com/documents/gilmore2.pdf>

The United States General Accounting Office—Special Collections—Terrorism

- Homeland Security: A Risk Management Approach Can Guide Preparedness Efforts
- Combating Terrorism: Considerations for Investing Resources in Chemical and Biological Preparedness
- Bioterrorism: Review of Public Health Preparedness Programs <http://www.gao.gov>

Web Sites

Data Online is a new interactive section of the Bureau of Justice Statistics web site for State and local data about crime and justice. Users can construct data tables on:

- Criminal offense trends from the FBI's Uniform Crime Reports for the Nation, all 50 States and about 3,900 local agencies
- Homicide trends and characteristics for all 50 states and localities with a population of more than 250,000
- Law enforcement management and administrative statistics for State and local agencies with 100 or more sworn officers.

<http://149.101.22.40/dataonline/>

Bureau of Justice Statistics: Key Facts At a Glance Updates

- Four Measures of Serious Violent Crime <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/cv2.htm>
- Homicide Victimization Rate by Age <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/homage.htm>
- Crimes Committed with Firearms <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/guncrime.htm>
- Drug Arrests by Age <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/drug.htm>
- Felony Convictions in State Courts <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/felconv.htm>
- Percent of Felons Convicted in State Courts and Sentenced to Prison, Jail, or Probation <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/bjs/glance/felpct.htm>

The National Electronic Network on Violence Against Women (VAWnet) This web site assists domestic violence and sexual assault coalitions, allied national organizations and individuals in their work to end violence against women. www.vawnet.org

Contact Information

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